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To the Honorable, the Mayor and the Board of Commissioners of the City of Newark. New Jersey

#### Gentlem

The planning of Newark's future has been well timed to co-ordinate with necessary preparation for events which will now follow in rapid succession until we are again at peace.

The program for completion of a Muster Finn is progressing repidly and with its development the true picture of our City will unfold. As a supplement to the general plan, it was considered advisable at this time to present to you a report containing an analysis of our present lineated in the progressing the progressi

Our studies disclose that with only slight interruption private industry can provide employment for all the returning men and women of the Armed Forces and those to be displaced by termination of war contracts.

The program as outlined in this report includes recommendations for certain pastwar public works projects. These projects have been corefully selected because of their urgency and not for the purpose of bolatering the employment situation. It is important but this immediate postwar program is not mistaken for our long-range public works improvement program which will be developed in our Comprehensive Master Plan.

As cised in a previous report, our financial situation and cost of government which is reflected in a high tox rate and high bonded indebtedness has placed us in an unitarorable competitive position. Our analysis, however, indicates that since 1835 there has been a shearly and substantial reduction in our bonded indebtedness which reduction becomes accelerated

during the next few years. And, since 1940, some progress has been made in reducing the general operating costs of government.

We have suffered a decline in population and tax ranchise which can be compensated to only by distorting new industry, accounting momentum enterprise and by providing encountering the housing solvedopment by providing encountering the housing solvedopment by providing encountering the housing solvedopment by providing enterprise capital investment. The reducting of administration elements which will enable us to make a substantial reduction in the tax role from 1944 to 1950. In the cost of government must be reflected in a very decided reduction in the cost of government must be reflected in a very decided reduction in the cost of government must be reflected in a very decided reduction in the cost of government must be reflected in a very decided reduction in the cost of government must be reflected in a very decided reduction in the cost of government must be reflected in a very decided reduction in the cost of government must be reflected in a very decided reduction in the cost of government must be reflected in a very decided reduction in the cost of government must be reflected in a very decided reduction in the cost of government must be reflected in a very decided reduction in the cost of government must be reflected in a very decided reduction in the cost of government must be reflected in a very decided reduction in the cost of government must be reflected in a very decided reduction in the cost of government must be reflected in a very decided reduction in the cost of government must be reflected in a very decided reduction in the cost of government must be reflected in a very decided reduction in the cost of government must be reflected in a very decided reduction in the cost of government must be reflected in a very decided reduction in the cost of government must be reflected in a very decided reduction in the cost of government must be reflected in the cost of governm

We are forced to the conclusion that unless the quested operating costs on he bypogist within resonancies comparison with other cities in the same cites, there will be little hope of increasing our ratables which control the cities of the control of the cities of the

The postwar program outlined herein which contemplates the issuance of new bonds to the extent of ten million dollars over a period of four years is directed toward providing some badly needed City improvements.

Among the projects submitted and for which it is recommended that that he mode evaluable is the improvement and enlargement of the facilities or the City Hospitch: the providing of additional of-street positions of the facilities which downstown care, and steet changes, parks, playgrounds and other facilities which will be needed in connection with the development of privately financed bousing and industrial buildings projects. The effect of these projects will be to create decline in population and in tar notables and the component of the projects will be for the projects will be to create decline in population and in tar notables and our commencial essentials and one of the projects will be for the projects of the projects will be to create decline in population and in tar notables and the projects will be to create decline in population and in tar notables and the projects will be provided by the projects of the projects will be provided by the projects of the projects of the projects will be provided by the projects of the projects of

The State Highway Department's plan for a high-level bridge crossing the Prancia River in the vicinity of the Lockwarman Batfood is now being discussed by our engineers in conferences with Newmit's Chief Engineer, and the engineers of the State Hapleway Department with the object of coords provide for the state of t

is of vital importance to Newark and will be the subject of  $\alpha$  special report to you upon completion of our studies.

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One of the mojor projects for which such funds could be made available would be a comprehensive study of the Cult Heapstat project which should be made by outstanding experts on bespital administration. Such study would establish the proper expectity, location and type of hospital plant and the feasibility of an entirely new hospital or α plan for the reconstruction of the existing building.

The estimates of postwar exployment by private industry as contained in this report have been verified by our esquipness from many available sources. The Committee for Economic Development, the main agency analysing the problem, in only ser rendy to release its conclusions. We have however, conferred with their statisticians and when their report is ready it will be the basis for a cheek on our estimates.

The Central Planning Board is encouraged by the excellent co-operation of the Board of Commissioners and by all City officials and we are pleased to inform you that the Press and local business people have also been very helpful in assisting us in the development of our plans.

Respectfully submitted,

CENTRAL PLANNING BOARD OF THE CITY OF NEWARK

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The Central Planning Board Of The City of Newark, New Jerse

Gentlemen:

We are pleased to submit herewith our preliminary report on "A Postwar Construction Program for Newark, New Jersey."

This is one of the most important reports of the series now in preparation and is particularly timely now that there is so much discussion of the postwar problems facing our cities.

Representatives of our office held conterences with a great many cases we met with the heartlest co-operation. It is impossible to mention all those individuals who furnished us with information, but we wish to express our conversion of the assistance rendered by each and server one.

Respectfully submitted,

HARLAND BARTHOLOMEW & ASSOCIATES

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## Summary of Findings and Conclusions

Following is a brief digest of the principal recommendations contained in the report:

- Newark's bonded debt and tax rate should be materially reduced before creating extensive new debt for postwar public works, particularly in view of the fact that private enterprise can probably fulfill all employment needs for several years following the cessation of hostilities.
- A public works program that can be financed without conflicting with a policy of tax and bonded debt reduction is needed for the following purposes:
  - a. To catch up on deferred mainte-
  - To make essential plant replacements.
  - c. To provide a limited number of urgently needed new facilities.
  - d. To stabilize property values and arrest population decline.
- 3. Except for probable state and federal assistance in making certain street improvements no outside financial aid is contemplated in carrying out the recommended improvements: therefore, particular attention should be given to the most urgent projects and those that will be self-liquidating.
- 4. Large scale privately financed rehabilitation and redevelopment projects for blighted areas offer the best postwar opportunity for stabilizing

- property values and arresting the decline in population. The City of Newark must be prepared to make certain improvements and provide added facilities in order to assure the success of these projects.
- 5. The proposed program is scheduled for completion in four years and aggregates \$14,900,000, of \$10,000,000 is to be financed which allowed the same and \$2,000,000 is self-liquitating and \$2,000 is self-liquitating and \$
- 6. The proposed bond issue of \$10,-00,000 can be issued over a four-year period and a the same time, the present tax rate and total bonded debt can be reduced. By co-ordinating the proposed bond issue with the debt reducing program now being carried out. the tax rate can be reduced to \$4.94 and to \$4.95 and \$4.9
- 7. Contract plans and specifications should be commenced immediately on recommended projects and assistance in financing such work should be sought from the State in accordance with recently enacted legislation.

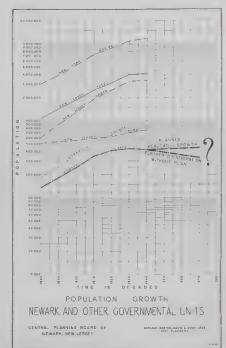


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### Introduction

The Central Planning Board is now preparing a master plan for the City of Newark. This is a long range plan designed to be carried out over a period of thirty to forty years.

Because of the war emergency and possible economic dislocations in the afternath, the Board of City Commissioners imposed a special duty upon the Planning Board in the Ordinance creating it. The Ordinance reads in part as follows:

It shall be the further function and duty of the Central Planning Board to develop and promulgate positivar plans and postwar projects and to co-ordinate all plans and projects within the Cruy and to correlate them to the plans and projects of Federal. State and County agencies and with those of other municipalities ground due consideration at all times to the probable ability of the Cruy of Newark to carry various projects without the imposition of universionable financial burdens.\*\*

As the master plan of the City has not yet been prepared, there is no long range public works program available from which could be selected those projects which would make up the postwar program However, the planning work has progressed sufficiently that certain matters which have a direct bearing on the preparation of this program are clearly evident.

Cetain considerations of paramount importance have been kept in mind in preparing this report. These are

1 While steady improvement has

been made in the City's financial stuation, the bonded debt is still, high and there is a limited capacity for financing new improvements. No new projects should be undertaken that will increase the bonded debt and tax rate. Selfto do with deferred maintenance plant reconstruction and urgently needed new improvements are the types of projects that should be considered

 Inasmuch as Newark is not growing (See Plate One, and property values are falling, preferred projects are those which will tend to retard population losses and preserve and enhance property values

This report is divided into four principal parts, as follows:

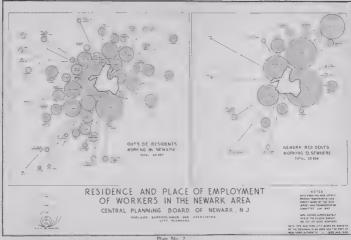
1 An examination of the probable employment situation after the war and the extent to which a public works program can be used as an employment measure

An analysis of the present financal situation in Newark to determine what improvements, if any can be afforded in the near future

3 An analysis of the types of projects which should be included in the program

4 A list of projects selected in accordance with the principles outlined above together with a plan of finance and a schedule for carrying out the proposed improvements

Other chapters of the report discuss the postwar planning being done in other cities, and the distinction between long range capital improvement programs and the one prepared in this report



## The Employment Situation

### in the Postwar Period

It is the general op-mon or theory regarding the employment situation after the war that there will be a gradual demobilization of the Armed Forces accompanied by a sharp break in war production but that accumulated shortages, both in consumer and capital goods will produce a period of good business for several years. Thus the period of adjustment to a peace time economy will be postponed for some time.

It is also believed that the war in the Pacific will continue for approximately one year after cossation of hostilities in Europe. If this happens reconversions can be made more gradually. Some estimates on war contract cancellations run as high as 85 per cent in the first year following the end of the European war.

The immediate problem of allevating unemployment is in that period which may be described as the period of transition. Inasmuch as present Unemployment. Compensation Insurance covers the majority of workers in war ndustries, much of the shock of displacement will be absorbed temporar if y at least. The question remains whether the degree of unemployment will warrant a public works program in the immediate or even future. At each other in the operation of reliable at thooties, in the operation of reliable at the other in the operation of reliable at the propunce of the propunction.

ESTIMATE OF THE AMOUNT OF PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT AFTER THE WAR

Any study of employment in Newark is complicated because of the fact that the city is a part of a large metropolitan area within which there is a great deal of commuting of workers to and from their homes and places of and from their homes and places of the central to the same community. To show the extent to which this situation exists in Newark a chart has been prapared (Plate Two) which shows graphically the place of residence of workers employed in Newark and the places of employment of workers ere sking in Newark but working elsesting in Newark but working else-

The chart was prepared from information secured by the New Yersey Was Transportation Committee which condited a survey of war transportation throughout the state in January, 1943 The data covers approximately thirty per cent of places employing 100 or more persons and to that extent does not give a complete picture of the stituation

There is a remarkable amount of commuting of workers to Newark from nearby communities where they make their homes. The largest number come from Elizabeth and Irving ton, but there are numerous workers living in more distant communities such as Maplewood, Union Jersey City and other communities who daily

come to Newark to work. It is interesting to note that many workers live in Brooklyn Manhattan, Queens and the Bronx in New York, and that a number of them come from as far away as Philadelphia. 56 per cent of the workers in Newark plants covered by the survey have residence outside of Newark.

Principal places of employment for Newark residents outside the city are the communities across the Passaic River, Hudson County Bloomfield and the Oranges, and in the vicinity of H.liside, Irvington and Maplewood Many Newarkers work in New York City also. Estimates made by the Port of New York Authority and verified by the Regional Plan Association inditate that approximately 14,000 office workers and 10,000 factory workers employed in Manhattan live in Esex County. These figures would seem to rind can that from 8 0° / to 12 Orwark Newark residents are employed in Newark residents are employed in

Records of the New Jersey Unemployment Compensation Commission show, as of September 1943, that there were 3,468 employing establishments providing a total of 210 726 jobs in Newark. The breakdown of this figure by major industry divisions is as follows

	No 1943 %	1943	% 1940
Manufacturing	.28 038 9 52	60 9	31.8
Communications & Utilia	2 212	7.9	
Professional Services	31.14	147	.34
Services other)	10 023	4 9	81
Prospers .	20 564	9.6	
Contract Construction Estab inferents not	3 833	1.8	
elsewhere classified All others	422	2	13.5
	210 776		.00.0

As the Unemployment Compensation Commission statistics cover about

75 per cent of the total number of persons employed in Newark, a reasonable estimate of the total of all employment approximately 280 000 jobs

Although the 1943 employment figures are not entirely comparable with those for 1940, the great increase in the percentage of manufacturing jobs from 1940 to 1943 clearly indicates the tremendous expansion of war industries in Newark. When the war is over and industry returns to a normal over an order of the percentage of the percenta

At the close of the war, there will be a reduction in the labor forces of three penncipal types of workers; those of retirement age and beyond, women knome makers, and those who wish a strend school. On a nature 8.5 per cent of the labor force would reture because of the above reasons. In the Newark area, because of its highly industrial ized nature, and estimate upwards of 10 per cent would be more nearly reason able. Thus it can be expected that, for the above reasons approximately 30 000 job holders will lave the labor force when the sum of the fact that approximately 30 000 young persons will annually reach the age when they will jour the labor force

Under present conditions of war stimulated high wages, and for other reasons, some war workers from other parts of the state and nation have migrated to Newark. There has also been grated to Newark. There has also been era from nearby points. From status its as to in-migrants and commuters it appears there will be a reduction of approximately 30,000 workers in this classification in the postwar labor forces

It has been estimated that approximately 36 per cent of the Armed Forces would be demob.lized in the first year following the end of the European war, (1) A recent survey among the Armed Forces revealed that

n the Armed Forces in the Newark Armed Forces can be expected to rebe added to the labor force. To this figure should probably be added anment in Newark. From these figures

of returning demobilized persons can be expected to be added to the labor

The only available data on potenthe survey made by the New Jersey State were sent questionnaires on separately, it is estimated for the City

Results of this phase of the suvey are

"About 16 per cent of the conversion of 75 per cent or more

the close of the emergency but

to peace will be more dependent and markets than upon physical reconversion "

- Survey conducted by the War Department National Opinion Research Center and the U S  $\wp$
- "A New Jersey Program for the Postwar Persod

#### SUMMARY OF ANTICIPATED EMPLOYMENT AFTER THE WAR

Total peak employment (Sept 1943)	280 000
Labor force withdrawai (Cid age school etc.) Labor force withdrawal (M grants, etc.)	30,000 30,000
Retarning demobilized workers Young persons entering the jabor force	220 000 .1 000 3,000
Total labor force first year to owing European War Total avaiable jobs in private employment	234 000 233 000
Defice of anoropated available jobs I mp orment on projected postwar	1 000

The number of jobs that will be available after the war represents a substantial increase over those available in 1940. The difference is accounted for by the fact that in 1940

9,000 000 to 10,000 000 nnemployed in the United States) and the Dostwar job goal is designed to fur n.sh full employment. The increased size of the labor force is due to increased population in Newark since

The conclusions drawn from the above analysis of the postwar employ ment situation are that there will be no necessity for undertaking an immediate construction program as an unemployment measure. In fact, an artificially stimulated public works program might cause serious conflicts with private building operations in competing for materials and labor. It competing for materials and labor is the works construction is more useful to works construction is more useful as a "pump-priumig" measure during periods of intemployment than as a direct source of employment which is relatively small in proportion to the cost

to convey the impression that no public works are needed and should not be constructed in Newark after the war. On the contrary there is a definite and pressing need of a program designed to stimulate redevelopment and to strengthen the economic structure of the city.

The above discussion is not intended

## Current Program of the Committee for Economic Development

The Committee for Economic Deknopment is a national organization of business men formed for the purpose of stime along maximum piet war employment in private ridar key. In Newark, the Committee works through groups of local businessmen which function on a voluntary basis. The Newark Committee is now engaged in making surveys which have an important bearing on the postwar employment situation.

"The first of the surveys is on the "postwar employment expectation" of Newark manufacturers. This study and will require sweral more months before it can be completed. A second survey is also expected to be made which will include such groups and mistututions as tetali trade who esale trade financial institutions transportation private construction commu-

These two surveys will give information concerning emp.oymant is of December 1940 and December 1943 and will provide estimates of present employees who will not seek work in the Newark area in the postwar period. They will also provide information concerning the number of employees that manufacturers and commercial

establishments expect to have in the postwar era

Information will be provided as to the length of time it will take to reconvert industry in this area and the amount of employment during the reconversion period. In addition, it will give information concerning plant expansions new markets and other information useful in planning a postwar employment program uning a postwar employment program.

The Committee has had a survey under way for some time concerning postwar purchasing power. This survey includes such things as increases in cash savings, reduction of installment loans and reduction of mortgage loans, bond purchases, etc

The Comm.ttee is also considering a survey of consumer intentions. This survey will be made for the purpose of determining what kind of things the people of Newark want to buy after the war. This data will be useful to manufacturers and retailers in fur ther determining potential postwar markets.

When the work of this Committee to completed, it will have full and desailed data on the postwar employment situation in Newark, and will serve as a check on the data presented in this report.

## Ability of Newark

## to Finance a Public Works Program

The present high bonded debt and tax rate in Newark precludes any extensive public works program in the minediate future. In the face of declining real estate tax valuations and high governmental costs it would be univise to undertake a program of public works that would increase the bonded debt.

As stated in the Prelimmary Report on "Background and Character of the City," the adjusted tax rate and the per capita bonded debt is substantially higher in Newark than in any of a group of cities with which Newark's statistics were compared. To further emphasize the financial situation that Newark is in, the following table has been prepared. The cities listed are these in the 500-00 cm is 0.000 pcp. utalson class according to the 1940 tutton class according to the 1940.

Cities in Order of Per Capita Expenditures	,940 Population	for City and Schools	per Capaa
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Rochester Average	324	975	29	797	000	91	60
VEW YORK	7 454	995		919			0.0
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From the above it is seen that in 1939 the total expenditures for city and school purposes in Newark was \$88.061.000, which gearly exceeded any of the cites in the group. On a per capita basis only Jessey City and Rochiester had a higher levy. Figures in New York the per capita expenditure was \$111.00, a substantially higher figure than for any of the other cities (The average per capita levy for the entire group of cities, excluding new York) was \$46.00 compared to \$88.70 for Newark) in 1944 the appropriation. The compared to the company of the company o

One of the reasons for the past and present high tax rate in Newark is the large amount expended annually in paying interest charges and retiring the bonded debt. In 1944 this amounted to \$8.034.000 or 17.8 per cent of the total budget of \$45,792.000.000 Since the peak of the bonded debt has passed, the service charges are decreasing annuarisally less than at neveral will be materially less than at neveral will be

<sup>1.)</sup> Total budget appropriation for all expenditures including amounts paid constition states are recommended of the state of a rot to the personality and figure of \$34 (6) 000 which is the amount expended for city school and debriative purposes over.

## TO ISSUE BONDS

If Newark is to progress in the fe ture many public improvements will be needed. Rehabilitation of the city is highered areas will necessitate evpenditures for parks schools and street improvements within these areas. Accessibility to the central business areas must be improved by major alterations to the street system. Parking, ots must to the street system. Parking, ots must to the street system. These and many other improvements must be financed by future bond usure. These and many other improvements must be financed of future bond usure. These and many other indicates the street of the street of a future bond usure. The provent and financial program is scheduled later in the planning program and cannot be made a part of this report. However for the immediate postwar period are for the immediate postwar period as commission must be made of possible operations.

It is imperative that the present high tax rate be reduced if Newark is to at treat new industries and hold those which it now has. This reduction carolly be accomplished by reducing the cost of city government by securing new sources of revenue or by a combination of both methods.

The Newark tax dollar is spent for five principal purposes local chools support of the country and state, debt service and general city departmental operations. The municipal authorities alves no control over the amounts returned and the control over the amounts of the City Commissioners constitute a majority on the Board of School Estimate, the school budget is generally approved in the amount requested. In 1944, the debt service cost was 94e poses amounted to \$16 045,000, as follows country \$5,000,000 country \$5,000 country \$5,000,000 country \$5,000,000 country \$5,000,000 co

per cent of the tax rate

The governing body also must appropriate funds sufficient to retire bond issues falling due within the current year and pay interest charges on the outstanding bonds. This amount is fixed and funds must be provided to meet the annual requirements. In 1944 the debt service cost was 94c, or 17.7 per cent of the tax rate

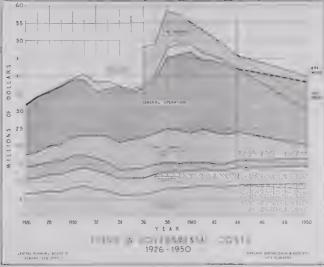
The reserve for uncollected taxes is another item the amount of which is regulated by law. In 1944 this amounted to 444 or 8.3 per cent of the tax rate.

I he above enumerated expenditure represent a total of \$3 26 on the tay rate which, at the 1944 rate of \$5 30 eaves \$2.04 or 38.5 per cent, for general operating costs and other miscel laneous expenses

In considering the possibility of reducing the tax rate this factor must be kept in mind Savings will be effected by a reduction in annual debt service charges but rehef costs and definiquent tax reserves have about reached a minimum and greatest opportunities for further savings lie in reducing departmental operating expension of the reducing cost of operating than in reducing cost of operating the properties of the reducing cost of operating than the reducing cost of the reducing cost of

As pointed out by the Board of Edisation there should be a more quitable distribution of State educational funds. Newark is entitled to a greater share of these funds which if secured would substantially reduce the local expenditures devoted to this pur-

Plate No 3 has been prepared to show graphically the trend in governmental expenditures in Newark from 1926 to 1944 Annual expenditures for schools county, state, debt service



and other purposes are shown

In 1976 the cits backet 324, ESRT 531,789,000 By 1931 thes annual outlay had increased to \$40,495,000 During the depression years. From 1992 to 1995, the total outlay was reduced to 536,083,000 In 1995 a state law was passed requiring the city to set up a reserve in the budget equal to the amount of uncollected taxes during the pervious year. In 1936 conformance to this law resulted in adding the sum of \$10,963,000 to the city budget, making a total of \$47,981 000 for the year.

A further analysis of the chart shows that since 1926 the cost of operating the schools has increased approximately \$2 500 000. During that same period the city's share of county cost has increased approximately \$1,000.

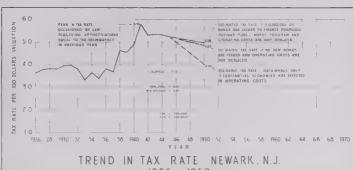
000, but state expenditures have declined approximately \$1,500,000; debt service cost has risen approximately \$4,500,000 and city operating costs have increased approximately \$3,500,000.

The reduction in city operating costs since 1940 has largely come about because of a substantial decrease in relief expenditures. In 1940, \$2.191, 000 was required for this purpose, whereas in 1944 only \$236,000 was provided in the budget.

The chart has been projected to 1950 to show the effect of the proposed tax cate reduction. All costs except deb service charges are assumed to be equal to those in 1944. Debt service charges are reduced in accordance with the schedules of the Audi tor's office, taking into account the added changes occasioned by the new bond issue.

The thatt also shows reductions are costs accessary to reach a \$4.00 tax rate in 1950. As the city has no centrol over the state and county expenditures it is assumed these will continue about the same as in the past. Debt service charges will automatically decrease while definiquent tax reserves will remain at about the present level will remain at about the present level will remain a reduction the present level states while remain at about the present level will see that the state of the sta

P.ate No 4 has been prepared to show the trend in tax rates in Newark between 1926 and 1944 together with a projection showing the tax rate in 1950 that can be achieved if the proposed poster public works program posed postwar public works program



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is put into effect. The chart also shows the reduction that can be accomplished providing no new bonds are issued providing to 1950.

The chart also shows the assumed desirable reduction to \$4.00 in 1950 discussed in a previous paragraph. It will be noted that even if the \$4.00 rate can be achieved, it will still be substantially higher than the tax rates in Buffalo New York New Orleans. Oakland and Cincinnati

In viewing this chart it should be borne in mind that a substantial reduction in assessed valuations was effected simultaneously with the 1940 to 1944 ancreased tax rate. As a result most taxpayers paid less taxes with the higher rate than formerly.

## POST WAR PUBLIC WORKS

According to schedules prepared by the Department of Revenue and Fi nance, expenditures for debt service wil decline from \$7.896.666 in 1944 to \$4.824.000 in 1950. This reduction amounts to approximately 47 points in the tax rate. If no new bonds are issued and other costs remain constant, the 1950 tax rate could be lowered to 4.83. This calculation is based on an estimate that \$65.000 in expenditures represent one point in the tax.

Reterating that tax reduction is importantive, nevertheless the fact must be recognized that some essential improvements must be provided in the immediate postwar period, i.e. 1946. To 1950. Table Number Che has been prepared to indicate the possibility of combining a tax reducing program with a limited program of new bonds to finance a highly selective public.

works program.

Examination of Table Number One abous that it will be possible to reduce the tax rate to \$4.94 by 1950 and at the same time issue \$10.000.000 in new. bonds during this period. The bassis for these calculations are the figures contained in the amortization schedules referred to above New bond issues are assumed to be twenty yet; the property of the same three per ont, which require a first possible of the same three per ont, which require a first possible of the same three per ont, which require a first possible of the same three per ont, which require a first possible of the same three per ont.

annual payment of \$80,000 per million dollars for interest and retire ment. For the purpose of this analysis it is estimated that one point in the tax rate represents \$65,000 in tax rest some.

As the bonds are to be issued annu As the bonds are to be issued annu half, over a four year period, the debt service costs increase until a peal is reached in 1949. Thereafter the

od retirement costs for the first are as follows

If other expenses can be reduced or , finew sources of revenue can be signed further reductions can be made of the confidence of the confi

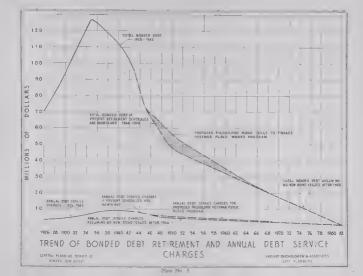


TABLE 1

ANALYSIS On ENFECT OF NEW BOND ISSUES ON PEDUCTION OF TAX RATE. NEWARK NEW IERSEY.

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
he r	Amount Required  Bonded Debt  Payments)	Reduction in	Tax Rate	New Bonds Are	Proposed	Total of	To Service	Reduct on In	Tax Rate	If New Bonds
1945	\$7,457,080	\$ 439 586	7	85.23	None	None	\$7,457.080	\$439 585	7	\$5.23
1946	6,436 493	1.020 587	16	5 07	\$2,490,000	\$2,490 000	6 635,693	821 387	13	5 10
1947	5 507,379	929,114	1.4	4 9 3	2 900,000	5,390 000	5,934,829	700 864	1.1	4 99
1948	5 291,594	215 785	3	4 90	1 780,000	7,170,000	5,853 374	81,455	1	4 98
1949	4,965 174	326 420	5	4 85	2,830 000	000 000 01	5,742 599	110 775	2	4.96
1950	4,824 439		2	4.83			3 586 864	,55,735	2	4 94

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<sup>\*\* 20</sup> Year 3 Per Cent Sena Bon-

## A Proposed Postwar Construction Program

As stated previously, this report is not concerned with long-range public works planning in the generally accepted meaning of the term. In view of the fact that the master plan will not be completed for approximately two years, it would be unwise to attempt to prepare a long-range program at this time. Consequently, the scope of this report is limited to recommendations for urgently needed projects that can be limined without and bonded indebredness together also believed the state of the state

#### METHOD OF PROCEDURE IN PREPARING REPORT

1. Compilation of list of needed projects

All City departments and agencies were interviewed and from them anformation was secured on their postwar needs. In preparing this list no 
attempt was made to determine the 
financial feasibility of the projects. 
Those departments and agencies submitting lists containing two or more 
projects were asked to indicate their 
urgency or priority. In addition to 
of Newark containts were made with 
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other governmental agencies were obtained lists of projects which they 
hoped to construction there agencies were obtained lists of projects which they 
hoped to construct in the postwar pefiod. Agencies contacted included the 
Highway Department of Exex Coun

ty, Essex County Park Commission State Highway Department and the Port of New York Authority

The aggregate estimated cost of needed protects as submitted by the various departments in the City of Newark was \$32.886.200 No complete estimates could be prepared for projects proposed by federal, state and country agencies as their plans had, not progressed to the point where estimates could be made.

2 Analysis of Ability of City 1 Finance a Public Works Program

3 Analysis of the Employment tuation after the war

From a previous chapter it is shown that a postwar improvement program may not be needed as an employment measure at any time prior to 1950 and therefore any public works that are constructed within the period should opposed to those primarily designed to opposed to those primarily designed to provide employment. At the same time it should be noted however that the proposed program will furnish employment, to 2 200 men for each of four vears, and that additional employment will be turnished by the taxes and federal assencies.

## TYPES OF PROJECTS COMPRISING THE PROGRAM

Inamuri so rewark is ontolled with the danger of a decluring population and a shrinking tax base, all new public works projects should be of the type that will stabilize property values and arrest the loss of population that is taking place. There are several types of projects that fall under this cate gory. They may be classified as follows:

#### Groun i

- (1) Rehabilitation of blighted
- (2) Reconstruction of obsolete areas by private enterprise as well as by publicly aided hous
- (3) Highway improvements to provide better access to central business district
- (4) Additional parking facilities in the downtown shopping area
- (5) New schools and recreat.on facilities

In addition to the above types of projects, there are others that should be included in the program. These in-

#### Group 2

- (1) Maintenance and repair work deferred because of the war
  - (2) Essential plant replacement.
  - (3) New projects to meet urgen

Some of the improvements falling in the above category might also be classed as the type included in Group

The improvements also can be clas sified in accordance with the means by which they will be financed. This grouping is as follows:

- Self liquidating projects (Wate, system improvements parking lot (partial).
- 2. Projects financed by local bond assues — All of the projects in Group 2 fall in this category as well as some of those included in Group 1)
- Projects financed entirely by private capital (Such as housing projects or industrial plants)
- 4 Projects financed partially or wholly from grants from state or fed real sources. (Large scale public housing and inter regional highway im provements are of this class)

The improvements proposed by the various city departments must all be financed by general bond issue except those of the water department. Water those of the water department. Water manced from current reserves future revenues and future self-lequidating bond issues. As the amount of new bonds that can be issued is definitely limited only those projects for which there is a clearly indicated pressing need could be included in the program. All of the improvements listed as needed could be included in the program. All of the improvements listed as needed could be included in the program and evaluated as to their relative importance. They were also analyzed to see that they would properly fit into the master plan of the city. From this analysis and after applying the principles outlined above the following projects are excommended for inclusion in the pro-

- DEFERRED MAINTENANCE PLANT
  REPLACEMENT AND URGENTLY
- City Hospital Project (subject to further study \$1.710,000 Payton Street School and

3 Street Reconstruction (\$500. 000 per year, 4 years, 2,000 000 5 South Side Intercepting Sewer 1,400,000 5 New Incinerator 900 000 Improvements to Police and F re Department Buildings 450 000

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The Remainder of the Proposed Bond Issue Should be Devoted to:

City's cost for providing parks and other improvements in privately financed redevelopment areas and the cost of providing city owned parking lots in the downtown business

Self Liquidating Projects:

1. Improvements to water system (\$600, 100 per year for four years)

2.400.000

Projects Financed by Sources Outside Newark: Federal and state financed inter-regional

Total of all proj

The above program is well balanced and consists of projects from all city departments that ordinarily do construction work. White many worthwhile improvements were suggested by agencies ousside the City Hall, such as the Public Library, the Art Museum and the Newark College of Engineering, the limitations of the program make it impossible to include any projcess from those agencies. These contemplated improvements will be included later in the comprehensive longrange capital improvement program

A more detailed description of the proposed improvements follows in a later chapter

### SCHEDULE FOR MAKING IMPROVEMENTS

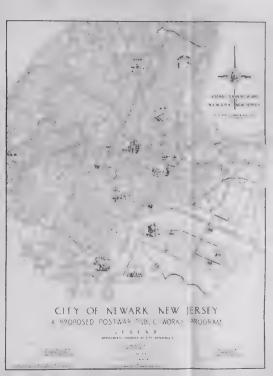
The financial program provides that no new bonds will be issued in 1945 and 1950. In accordance with the schedule there would be \$2.490, 000 available for financing new improvements in 1946; \$2.90,000 in 1948 and \$2. 30,000 in 1948 and \$3. 30,000 in 1948 and \$4. 30,000 in 19

Table Number 2 is a schedule to be followed in making the proposed improvements.

TABLE 2 SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

TYPE OF IMPROVEMEN.	ESTIMAT	ED COST OF IM	PROVEMENTS I	O BE MAD. AN	INUALLY
	.946	1947	1948	1949	Tota.
street Reconstruction	\$500.000	\$500 000	\$500 000	\$500 000	\$2.000 000
Water System Improvements	600 000	600 000	600 000	600 000	2 400 000
Dayton Street School	560 000				360,000
City Hospital Project	830 000	920 000			1 750 000
South Side Sewer	600 000	500,000	300 000		.,400 000
Raymond Boulevard Extension	. 250 000	1,250 000			2 500 000
Parking Lot Improvements and Public mprovements in Redeve opment Areas		980,000	980,000	980 000	2,940 000
Improvements to Police and Fire Department Bandings				450,000	450,000
Incinerator				900,000	900 000
Total	\$4 340,000	\$4 750 000	\$2 380 000	\$3 430 000	\$14 900,000

The above schedule is not inflexible. The time when individual projects are to be constructed can be varied provided the total expenditures for the year do not exceed the amount scheduled.



## Description of Proposed Inter-Departmental Improvements Included in the Program

#### CITY HOSPITAL

The present City Hospital is a relatively old structure and is in need of major repairs to place it in good condition. Designed to accommodate approximately 550 persons, at the present time between 650 and 700 bed are occupied in normal tumes and during periods of depression the bostulal secretaly overcrowded.

- The hospital situation has been un der study and discussion for a number of years and numerous plans have been prepared for its improvement. These pitt may be a lift not these casses
- 1 (a) Construction of an entirely new 1,000-bed hospital on a new site at an estimated cost of \$5,000,000 to \$6,000,000 Ivy Hill has been suggested as a possible location
- (b) Move the present Health De partment and clinic to the site of the present hospital which would be re modeled to accommodate them
- 2 Add a new eleven story wing through the center of the present bos pital and provide an enlarged building for the Health Department at its present location. Cost of this plan is estimated at \$3,000,000 and would provide a capacity of 1,000 beds.
- Rémodel the present hospital and add two wings to give a capacity of 800 beds. The estimated cost of this plan would be \$1 750,000

The present hospital site is near the geographical centre of the city and is easily accessible by public transportation. It is convenient both for patients and for physicians workings at the hospital property of the patients of the present hospital is an old structure occupying an inadequate site, it is suggested that further studies be made to determine the feasibility of beginning the construction of a new hospital so a new site adjacent to the present site, produced by the production of the property of the production of the production of years as funds are available it is recommended that the amount of \$1.750,000 be allocated for this purpose. If a new hospital is eventually built according to the suggested plan the present structure can be remodeled and used by the Health Department for discovering the present structure can be remodeled and used by the Health Department for discovering the present structure can be clinic and discovering the present structure and be clinic and discovering the present structure and be chine and discovering the present structure and be clinic and discovering the present structure and be called the structure and be called the present structure and be called the structure and be called the structure and the structure a

#### DAYTON STREET SCHOO

Construction of the Dayton Street school is recognized as the most imperative need of the school system. The improvement and been teached to the Board of Education and the Cosumbia University Survey. This school is badly needed in a neighborhood sepacited from the rest of the city by parks railroads and highways. In this area is the large Seth Boyden public housing development containing 530 died children from the neighborhood to be served by the new school are now transported long distances by bus to Ann Street School and Miller Street School



A grade school, properly located and provided with an adequate site, would prove to be a most destrable step in neighborhood development in this area, and is in accord with prelim mary studies of neighborhood plans now being considered by the Central Planning Board

The Board of Education previously owned a small abandoned school in what are The Board has acquired a portion of Dreamland Park and several additional pieces of property along Hinford and Ross Streets. The color Board for this school is a specific process of the school Board for this school set is approximate. 125,696 square feet or 2.9 acres The Central Planning Board recently recommended, to the Board of Education that enough additional land be acquired to make a total site area of appured to make a total site area of ap

An architect has been engaged to prepare plans and specifications Preliminary plans are completed and detailed plans are now under way. The estimated cost of building and land is \$560.000.

Bonds to the extent of \$302,000 have previously been authorized by the City for the construction of this school. While no federal funds are in sight for school building construction, the Newark Board of Education upon request from the United States Office of Education, filed a report of the project with that agency.

## STREET RECONSTRUCTION AND REPAIRING

The Bureau of Streets plans, builds and maintains streets in the City. Since the war many of the 375 miles of street pavement have deteriorated be yond the point of economical repair. The Bureau of Streets estimates that ten million dollars will be needed to

place the street system in good condition and that this expenditure could be spread over a ten year period. The program is flexible and could be changed to meet financial or employment requirements.

Detailed plans are now ready for about six miles of pavement reconstruction Additional plans can be pre pared in advance of a construction program in a relatively abort time. Be cause of the financial limitations in posed on the program suggested in this report, it is recommended that the most regardly needed improvements be severally needed improvements be severally needed in proceedings to the construction of the program suggested in this report, it is recommended that the most regardly needed in proving the several posed in the construction of the construct

#### SOUTH SIDE INTERCEPTING SFWFR

cepting Sewer is of long standing. Detailed plans for this project are approx imately 75% complete. The land is owned by the City with the exception of easements across railroad property and a short section of private property

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This project is needed for the fo

- l To collect storm water and sewerage now draining into an open ditch across the meadows into Bound
- (2) To provide storm water relief for an area east of Weequahic Park (3) To provide sewers for the Port Newark area.

The project would cost approximately a. 400 flow it is recommended that the sewer be built in two sections in order to spread the cost over two wars.

#### INCINERA FOR

The Bureau of Street Cleaning is charged with the responsibility of street sweeping, collection and disposal of tuobish and snow removal

For many years, the refuse produced by householders and storekepers has been disposed of by using it to fill in low lying meadowland or ravines. This procedure has avoided a high cost. This procedure has avoided a high cost of carth fill to make such land available for streets, buildings and industria, sites At the same turn, the great amount of meadowland located within the city limits made it possible to avoid a large investment for disposal of waste by incurrentian.

The occupation of the Port Newark area by the United States Army and the extension of the Arport runways has reduced the available are of low-lying meadowland for dumping purpose. Prior to the extension of the Aurport, the remaining life of the dump was estimated at about twenty to twenty-five years. Now that the area has been restricted by the recent Aurport construction work the life of the dumping area, continuing the present methods, will be only about five years.

Rat control is also a problem at the present time in the dumping area. Re cently, the method of running a heavy tractor over each day's deposit was adopted to consolidate the material and fill the voids, which has done consider able to belp rat control.

The Bureau of Street Cleaning, after careful study of the situation has recommended the incneration of all garbage and combustible materials. This would extend the life of the available dumping area and would provide a sanitary fill, thereby overcoming the rat problem.

Incineration would also aid in the control of dump fires caused by spondare taneous combustion. Objections have been made to smoke caused by dump fires which are detrimental to the Airport and the Pulaski Skyway.

Following are the recommendations concerning the construction of a garbage incinerator:

- incineration plant for Newark operating on a 24 hour day is 600 tons
  (2) S.x. possible sites are available
- (2) S.x possible sites are available for either a single or a combination of two smaller units of the required capacity
- 3) The cost of construction of the intenerator excluding the site, is ap proximately \$900,000. The estimated annual cost of operation of the incinerator is \$253,741 per year. The present cost of operating the dump is \$50-000 per year.

# AND FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDINGS

Changing conditions in the Police Department have necessitated a re-vamping of the system of precinct police stations. Over a period of years some of the existing buildings have been abandoned and new ones have been built. There are indications that further changes in the system are desirable in the near future. The change in the system are desirable in the near future, and the state of the change of the

Several of the fire stations occupy old buildings which need repairs and alterations

The suggested program recommends that \$450,000 be allocated for renovations of police and fire department

muldings No specific recommendates toons are made as to the manner an which these funds will be expended Its recommended that before the program is started a careful survey be made of the police department to determine which of the present buildings are to be retained as a permanent part of the system which should be abandoned and whether any new strictures are needed. Obviously it would be understood to the program of the system which should be abanded to the system which is promoting the stricture of the system which is proposed to the system of the syst

## IMPROVEMENTS TO WATER SYSTEM

Newark's water supply is provided by five large reservoris located from 25 to 30 miles from the City. Water flows by gravity from these reservoris to the City through large aqueducts in addition to furnishing the City of Newark with an adequate amount of high quality water, several neighboring cities are supplied from the same source

The Div.sion of Water of the Department of Public Works is the only agency of the City that is designated

by the State Department of Local Government as a self-liquatating utility Bonds issued by this agency do not apply on the legal bonding limit of the City

Because during the year 1944 this utility is expecting to operate with a surplus of revenue, a Public Works Reserve fund of \$600,000 has been set up in the 1944 budget. This fund to which would be added surplus earnings in subsequent years, is intended to be used to finance a program of improvements to the water system Should the annual surplus decrease, the work would be financed to the extent possible with funds accumulated in the reserve fund and regular Division of Water bond issues

A program of improvements con sisting of 37 projects has been prepared and is scheduled to be built during a six year period as follows

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N. MB. R (See Apr		METHOD OF FINANCE
8 27	\$600 000	Public Works Reserve Fund
28-36	600 000	Public Works Reserve Fund an horized by the 1945
37-43	600 000	Pub c Works Reserve Fund authorized by the 1946
44-47	600 000	Public Works Reserve Fund au horized by the 1947 hadest
48 50	600 000	Public Works Reserve Fund an horozed by the 1948 budger
51 55	600 000	Pat c Works Reserve Fund at horized by the 1949
56-57		Bond ss. c

### Possible Self Liquidating Projects

PARKING LOTS. One of the most pressing needs in Newarks is an improved and augmented system of publicly owned parking lots within and near the downtown district. No studies have yet been made to determine the number, location and capacity when such data will be available, it is suggested that a substantial but indifficult such a clocated from the proposed bond issue to finance the cost of aquis to and improvement of a number, of st.a. ta... atts. If it is but it is a suggested that it is substantial but indifficult of a modest fee for their use to a least partially self liquidating from collection, of a modest fee for their use by the public. In mixing the partial gradue regard will be paid to the property now owned by the City and leased partial property now owned by the City and leased for private operators for parking lot purposes of private operators for parking lot purposes of the property now owned by the City and leased to the private operators for parking lot purposes of the property of the property of the property now owned by the control of parking lot purposes of the property of the property now owned by the control of the property now owned by the control of the property of the property now owned by the control of the property of

IMPROVEMENT OF PORT NEWARK AND THE NEWARK AIRPORT The future of Port Newark and the Airport is so uncertain that it is impossible to make any specific recommendations at this time for improvements that should be made to those facilities after the wat

The financial history of the Port and Airport has not been statisfactory and it has never been on a self supporting basis. Until the present large out standing debt is materially reduced, it is very questionable if either can be made a paying proposition. The fact must be recognized, however, that the Port and Autport are extremely value.

able assets to the City Tremendous investments have been made in improvements to these properties and the meadowlands adjacent thereto contain the only large area of vacant land available for industrial development

Later in the city planning program a detailed study will be made of the Port and Airport, and a plan will be prepared for their future development. This study will explore the possibities of placing both facilities on a self-sustraining basis.

INTER RECIONAL HIGHWAY IM
PROVEMENTS Recently the Committee on Reads of the House of Repretee on Reads of the House of RepreRobinson Bill for postwar construction of highways bridges and grade
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51 500 000 000 of Federal funds to be
made available at the rate of \$500000 000 a year for each three succesappropriated would be approximated
among the States on the following
bass one-fall population, one fourth
area one-fourth post road mileage
the \$500 000 000 annual appropriation is carmarked as follows \$2.50
000 for projects on the Federaloutside of mun.ripalties \$125 000000 for projects on the Federaloutside of mun.ripalties \$125 000000 for projects on the Federaloutside of mun.ripalties \$150 000000 for projects on the Federaland highway system. The remaining
amount is allocated to miscullarous

The State of New Jersey will receive approximately 13/2 per cent of the Federal funds made available under this Act. This amounts to \$25,548s. O00 for the three-year period and would be matched by an equal amount of state funds, making a total of \$51.-096 000 available for highway improvements in the state. Thirty per cent of the total amount is earmarked for work in urban areas so that there will be a total of \$14.477 000 available for this purpose.

Newark's share of this should be approximately \$2,412,000. In addition to this, there is an undetermined amount which may be made available from the \$225,000,000 allocation for projects on the Federal-aid highway system ether inside or outside the multipalities.

While this amount of federal and state highway money is not enough to accomplish very much in the way of needed street improvements in New-ark, it will make possible the financian of certain improvements, which, under the present financial situation of the City could not be "umplished without outside assistance. It is recommended that efforts be made to have the proposed Raymond Boulevard extension and connection to Mount regional highway system and that the funds to be made available from the state and federal governments be used for this improvement.

Attention should be called to the importance of providing a north-south crosstown thoroughfair composed of Mont Prospect, Cliffon Norfolk and Belmont Avenues This improvement test in with the Raymond Boulevard-Mount Prospect Avenue connection and also with the proposed approaches to the new Passac River Bridge Because of their county-wide nature, Essex County should participate in the cost of these improvements.

The bill described above has not yet become Law and there is some likelihood that it will be amended before passage. However, at the time this report is written the provisions of the Bill are as outlined above and have been used as a basis for the recommendations contained herein.

PRIVATELY FINANCED HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS Large scale programs of rehabilitation and rebuilding of Newark's blighted areas offer the greatest opportunity for improving the city's physical condition, arresting population loss and recreating a desirable environment for the citizens of Newark

Under the provision of the Urban Redvelopment Law enacted at the last session of the New Jersey Legisla true, the way so pened to employment of private capital in such large scale devecopments. This bill, which was strongly supported by the Central Planning Board is of great sugnificance is the Listing mpit with a 15 N wark. These developments cannot be made to the beautification of the Central Company of the Central Company of the Central Ce

It is recommended that a substantial part of the sum of \$2,940,000 earmarked in the proposed bond issue for parking lots and redevelopment projects be allocated as the City's share for providing these publicly needed facilities within redevelopment areas that might be improved in the immediate postwar period

PREPARATION OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS. The projects uncluded in the postwar program have been under consideration by the various city departments and much pre liminary work on plans has already been done.

Preliminary studies for proposed improvements at the City Hospital have been made, but it is recommended that further surveys and investigations be conducted by hospital experts before work is begun on contract drawings and specifications.

The Board of Education has already employed an architect who has been working for some time on plans and specifications for the Dayton Street School

The Department of Public Works has already prepared detailed plans for approximately six miles of pavement reconstruction as well as for the majority of the work on the South Side intercepting sewer, the Springfield Avenue sewer and the South Twelfth Street sewer. No plans are available for the incinerator.

STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
IN PREPARING PLANS AND SECISICATIONS FOR POSTWAR PROJECTS The
1944 Legislature enacted a bill which
creates the Department of Economic
Development to which has been assigned the responsibility for studies in
regard to trade and industry, physical
planning, bousing, urban redevelopment and maintenance of a public
maintenance of a public
the bill appropriate
S500,000 for the bill appropriate
specifications for postwar construction. Allocations made to municipal
ities must be matched by an equal
amount to be raised by the city. No
one municipality may receive more
than S500 000 state funds
of state funds

The direct and indirect cost of preparting plans and specifications for the projects included in the Newark postwar construction program is estimated at \$280,000 (4 per cent of estimated construction cost). In the case of street and sewer construction, these plans can be prepared by the present engineering staff in the Department of Public Works and their preparation will not involve additional expense to the Department. In the case of the Hospital Dayton Street School and Police and The Department buildings, architects and engineers must be employed to make these plans. Plans for the incurtative and are included in the building cost estimate. The architects' fees for projects requiring their services are estimated as follows:

Hospital \$ 70.00 Dayton Street School 20.00 Police and Fire Department buildings 18.00

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The maximum amount that can be secured from the State to asys this City in making these plans is \$50,000, leaving \$58,000 necessary to b. made available locally. This more than meets the statutory requirements of the State

The new Act goes into effect on July 1, 1944, and it is recommended that immediate steps be taken to make application for funds for the above enumerated projects Applicable provisions of this law follow

The sum of five hundred thou sand dollars (\$500,000) is hereby appropriated from any moneys in the State treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the preparation of local purpose plans and specifications in accordance with allotments to be made pursuant to this act...

Allotments may be made for detailed plans and specifications pre pased either by force account or by contract with architects or engineers approved by the commissioner, but the total sum allotted for any project shall not exceed one half the actual cost of the plans and specifications, or two per centum (2%) of the estimated construction cost aproved by the commissioner, whichever is lower.

The granting of any application for State and for plans and specifications, the acceptance of such aid or the preparation of such plans and

to commit either the State or the political subdivision to any contribution or appropriation whatso ever at any time for construction costs. The amount allotted for each proposal shall be paid to the political sub-lives in upon proof satisfactory to the commissioner of the completion of the plans and specifications and of their cost to the applicant, but the aggregate of all allotted and the proposal subdivision shall not exceed the commission of the plans and specifications and appropriation shall not exceed the proposal appropriations for local purpose allottments as contained in this or any other act.

## Postwar Planning for Public Works In American Cities

Almost all American cities are now engaged in some form of postwar plan ning for public works. The extent to which this planning is being carried out has recently been revealed by the results of a survey conducted by the International City Managers' Association and reported in the April solution of their publication. "Public Manage" of their publication.

867 cities over 10 000 population replied to the questionnaire which was sent out to 1072 cities. Two thirds of the reports of these cities stated that they were engaged in some form of postwar planning. Many of the larger cities have prepared ambitious programs running into many millions of dollars. Some of these are as follows.

New York City	\$1.069 000.000
Detroit	255,000 000
Philadelphia	300 000.000
Boston	15 000 000
Buffalo	15,000,000
Cleveland	150 000 000
Milwaukee	72,000 000
Saint Louis	60 000,000

In most cases some work has been done on preparation of contract plans and specifications however, many of the cities have merely prepared lists of projects which they would like to contract proyeding finde are available.

Most of the contemplated improvements are in the nature of new constructions. Approximately 70 per cent of the programs prepared by cities having population of more than 100,000 fall in this category and 30 per cent are projects classed as improvements to existing facilities. The major types of projects are sewer construction, schools water works extension high way construction, airport development health center and hospital, high ways and bridges.

A number of cities have set up reserves to finance at least a part of their proposed improvements. During the period of 1949 to 1944, many cities have been able to reduce their bonded indebtedness, thus creating a margin for financing postwar improvements. One fourth of the cities of over 25,000 have set up postwar reserve funds agreating 87 million dollars. Detroit. Los Angeles. Mill walkee. Mining one million dollars or more The main use that these reserve funds willing one million dollars or more The main use that these reserve funds will be put into is for extensions of unlity plants and distribution systems. Of the determinance and new constructions of the control of

The citizens of Dallas. Texas in December 1943 approved the issuance of bonds in the amount of 16 million dollars to meet immediate needs in the postwar period. Amounts allocated for various types of work are as follows.

Streets and highways	\$7 000,000
Airports	6.000,000
Parks	1,000,000
Sewers	1,000.000
317	1 000 000

Included in these funds are items allo
cated to meet the city's share of recon
struction costs for large scale slum
clearance and moderate priced housing

clearance and moderate priced housing
Recently, the voters in St. Louis approved a bond ssue of \$43.92700
to finance a large program of postwar
public improvements. The program
thus approved is as follows

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I	Tospi	tals				\$	950	000	
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Fire Department	800,000
Fire and Police	
Telegraph	2,200,000
Sewers	7,957,000
Bridges & Underpasses	1.778.000
Street Improvements	7,820,000
Zoo Improvements	750,000
Airports	9.897.000
Art Museum	
Improvements	250,000
Waterworks Extensions	7.500 000

### Long Range Programming of Public Works

It has previously been stated that the public improvements proposed in this report do not constitute a long range program of public works. The distinction is important and should be made clear.

The primary function of a municipal corporation is to provide puble services to the citizens of the community. To build and maintain the physical attructures necessary to furnishing these services requires large expenditures of public lands. Ordinatily the revenues derived for the operating copenies of the city and at the same runs finance essential buildings and structures. In order to provide these funds, citizes customarily borrow money by issuing bonds sex ared by the assets of the community. The funds are repaid over a period of years depending on the life of the bond issue and the cost of interest and amountatation is annually included in the

Public facilities consist of such things as water supply and sever systems, steet pavements and bridges schools, hospitals and other institutional buildings, airports: parks and playgrounds and other buildings and structures. These are known as capital improvements as they represent capital investiments.

The City's master plan furnishes a guide for the location and desirable extent of all future capital improve

ments The time such improvements are to be made depends upon the City's financial situation and the relative moed for each. A long range public works program is derived by correlating the proposals of the master plan no long range financial plan. In the absence of a master plan no long range public improvement programming is possible.

A long range public improvement or or capital improvement program will make it possible to avoid univise public expenditures for premature or un-economic projects. The program should be freshible and should be revised at regular intervals in accordance with changing economic conditions and the physical needs of the community.

During the depression in the late threts, public works construction was one of the principal means of relieving unemployment. To be in a position to meet such similar emergencies that may arise in the future the city should rave in reserve a lust of useful and needed projects that can be constructed when and as reeded During prosperious periods when private construction work is at a high level, public improvements that can be constructed later should be deferred to avoid conflicts in the labor and material market's During prosperious periods main conal cas should reduce their indeburdeness as rapidly as possible and accumulate serves that can be used for unemploy-

# Postwar Public Works Planned by Federal, State and County Agencies

Several governmental agencies other than the Cary of Newark normally do construction work in or near the City. All such improvements are of interest to the City, both from a planning and an employment standpoint. It was found on contacting these agencies that all were studying their postwar construction programs and had certain projects in mind for which plans were being made. This chapter briefly summarizes these proposals

#### FEDERAL

No definite postwar program has been formulated by the Federal government although there is pending legislation that may result in certain im provements being made in the postwar period

Rivers and Harbors Congress has been en a bill (H R, 3961) for the improvement of Rivers and Harbors Studies and recommendations by the Corps of Engineers in the Newark area have been included in this proposed legislation. Those affecting Newark are as follows.

- (1) Deepening of the Government channel from Kill Van Kull to the City entrance channel from 30 feet to 35 feet
- (2) Deepening of the City entrance channel from the Government channel to the City bulkhead to 35 feet
  - (3) Provision for the deepening

- of the City inshore channel to 35 feet over a width of 400 feet
- (4) Provision for some improvement works on the Passaic River

Airports. While no legislation has been passed by Congress concerning civil aviation there is a bill now unconsideration (\$1790) which proposes to create a new federal civil aeronautics authority and to provide a national airport plan. The bill also provides for a program for protection of aertal approaches to airports and for grants to states and cities for the work of the provides of a real program for protection of aertal approaches to airports and for protection of aertal approaches to airports and for protection of aertal approaches to airport and the provided are the provided the provided area of the provided a

Highways A previous chapter distraction of the Hall Road Billi HR 4915) now under consideration by Congress Passage of this legis atton should make possible the finaning of certain badly needed street improvements in the City of Newark

#### STAT

The State Highway Department of New Jersey has been working for some time on plans and estimates for post war highway construction in and near the City of Newark. The projects being considered by this Department are as follows.

1 ROUTE 25 — FROM ELIZABETH. CITY LINE TO RAYMOND BOULE-VARD This route also known as U. S. No. 1 is one of the most beavily traveled highways in the country. Plans are under way for its widel-nag and improvement between Elizabeth and Newark at an estimated cost of \$7.000.000 This improvement which is No. One on the State program is de-of the highway and to make it safer to travel on

### 2 ROUTE 21 - COMPLETION

Route 21 also known as McCarter Highway in the City of Newark. has never been completed There is a gap at Mount Pleasant Cemetery which is proposed to be closed, and a portion of the highway which adjoins the Pennsylvania Railroad in the City of Newark will be widened The estimated core is \$2.500.000.

### 3 ROUTE 10 - THROUGH ESSEX

This improvement has been pending for several years, but no definite plans for its routing have been agreed on. It is painted to construct a new highway from a point near Livingston through nextion with highways leading to New York City, N. Y., and Fludoon County, N. J. The estimated cost is \$11,000,000.

#### 4 ROUTE 25 Å NEW BRIDG OVER PASSAIC RIVER

Plans are now being prepared by the State to construct a new bridge over the Passux River to connect Newark and Harrison. This badge will be located between the present Bridge Street and Clay Steret bridges, and is intended to supplant them in the future. On the Harrison side the bridge approaches will connect with highways leading to the Holland and Lincoln tunnels. On the Newark side, the bridge will cross over McCarter High way. Broad and High Streets, coming to grade at a point west of High Street. The approaches from the west are being studied by the Newark Central Plan ning Board and by the Fasex County Engineering Department. As these approaches are actually a part of the bedge improvement, their cost should be approached to the proper of the proper of the proper of the property of the property

### 5 ROUTE 100 - THROUGH THE

Planned as a relief route for No. 25.
this new highway is planned to cross
the Newark meadowlands between the
Aurport and Port Newark. It will connect with highways leading to the
Luncoln and Holland Tunnels and the
George Washington bridge, north of
Harrison That part of the highway
y,ng in Newark is estimated to cost
\$\text{\$v\$}\$10,000,000.

### A summary of the above improve ments follows

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Route	100 Through Newark	10	000	000

No e. The above estimales are for construct on Right of Way estimates have been

All of the above highway improvements are of the greatest interest to Newark. Their location and design should be carefully studied both by the Planning Board, the City Engineering Department, and the Traffic Engineer of the Department of Public Safety to make sure that the traffic requirements of the City are met and that the City's plans for local street improvements are properly coordinated

Assembly Bill No I passed by the Legislature during its last session creates a Department of Economic Development within which all postwar planning by the State will be done.

The law provides that the Depart ment shall prepare and maritain a pub lic work reserve consisting of proposed projects of state. country, municipal and ad hoc agencies for public works and services. The purpose of this legis lation is to center in one department the responsibility for postwar plan ning by all state agencies. Inasmuch as the Department has not yet been organized, the State's postwar program is not yet formulated and its effect upon the City of Newark cannot be evaluated at the present time.

The creation of the Department of Economic Development followed the recommendations made by the State Commission on Postwar Economic Welfare in February 1944.

During the course of the preparation of this report data was obtained to report data was obtained to report data was obtained to report the property of the pr

The law described above also provides that any local improvements for which federal aid is sought must be submitted to and approved by the Board of Economic Development. The Bill also sets up funds which are to made available to local governmental agencies to assist them in making plans for local postwar improvements. Previously in this report it was recommended that application be made for such funds as quickly as the suggested program has been approved.

Port of New York Authority. The Port of New York Authority is an instrumentality of the States of Row Tork and the States of States of

The work of the Authority falls into four principal categories planna, port development and improvements protection of port commerce construction of authorizing faculties and their operation.

The Port Authority carries on continuous research on questions of pier and harbor development, channel im provements arterial highways, air ports markets union terminals and allied subjects

The Authority is limited to projects that are self iquidating The George Washington bridge Holland tunnel Lincoln tunnel Bayonne bridge. Goethal's bridge and Outerbridge crossing are examples of the improvements constructed by the Authority which will pay for themselves over a period of years.

At the present time the Authority is conducting studies on the feasibility of constructing a series of Union

Motor Truck Terminals in New York and New Jersey. One of these projects is planned in or near Newark. The purpose of such a motor truck terminal is to expedite the flow of motor truck differents to and from Newark and the surrounding areas, and at the same time greatly reduce the truck mileage. The Central Planning Board the Authority and will cooperate full bas discussed this improvement with the Authority and will cooperate fully it is also attudying possible improvements to the existing suburban transit system in Northern New Jessey.

While these studies are of the utmost importance to Newark in considering the overall picture of postwar planning, they have not progressed to a point where definite cost figures can be presented.

#### ESSEX COUNTY

The Board of Chosen Freeholders of Essex County has a postwar planning Committee. This Committee has been at work for some months, but has not yet completed a program. A preliminary list of highway projects affecting Newark has been prepared by the County Engineer. These are as follows:

(1) Bloomfield Avenue, from Broadway in Newark to County line-repave sections not now properly paved.

- (2) A connecting road for Central Avenue and Park Avenue with Northfield Avenue, West Orange.
- (3) Improvement of alignment of South Orange Avenue through South Mountain Reservation and widening from the Reservation to the County line.
- (4) Improvement of Springfield Avenue in Irvington.
- (5) Connecting road from Rotte 25-A crossing Passaic river new high level bridge to area west of High Street in Newark. (This project is being studied by the Cen tral Planning Board.)
- (6) Improvements to River Road in Nutley from Belleville to County line.

The Essex County Park Commission has plans for improving certain parks in Essex County. Two such projects are in Newark and are as follows:

and Band Stand.

West Side Park—Replacement of

West Side Park—Replacement of two old field houses.

# POSTWAR PUBLIC WORKS PROPOSALS

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